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## Snails, Nails, and Puppy Dog Tails

Psychologist  
Michael Thompson  
talks about boys

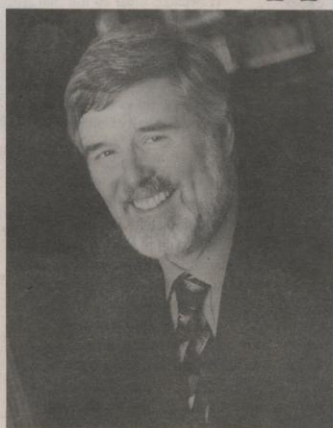
By Ryan Hill  
Features Editor

Two weeks ago, I had the pleasure of sitting down with Michael Thompson, Ph.D., to discuss single-sex education, bullying, delayed brain development, Oprah, explosions, bad smells, Call of Duty, and Freudian psychology. Though clearly a mixed bag, our conversation revealed his deep understanding of boys, the road to manhood, and the horribly mysterious, strangely wonderful human condition.

Dr. Thompson estimates that he has worked in over 700 schools around the world. He spends one day a week at Belmont Hill School, an all-boys boarding institution in Massachusetts, working as its clinical consultant. In addition to his current employment, Thompson was enrolled in single-sex schools from age three to eighteen, making him no stranger to the experience of an MBA student.

Not surprisingly, he is a proponent for our lack of constant company with female friends while we continue to mature. In addition to growing in stature quicker than we males, girls also develop their pre-frontal brain lobes, "the seeds of judgement" as Dr. Thompson puts it, earlier.

Add the zits, voice cracks, and raging hormones to this stunted mental maturation, and adolescent guys are basically walking clouds of awkward. Having



Dr. Michael Thompson, a world-renowned expert on boys, recently spoke at MBA.

a place, then, to learn and grow through this phase without judgment or taunting is a comforting and overlooked privilege.

Even with years of experience and multiple diplomas, one cannot navigate all the waters of boyhood smoothly. I asked Dr. Thompson about his relationship with his teenage son and found his response surprising.

His son, Will, had just begun to date, and naturally it was time for the famous father-son sex talk. "I'm a famous psychologist," Thompson said, laughing, "but my son simply told me, 'Dad, I am not going to say anything.'" We boys certainly can be baffling.

Not Your Average Dictionary defines us guys as follows: "Boy, n.: a noise

with dirt on it." As it turns out, this flattering description may be more accurate than its authors realize.

"Not that women don't appreciate the earthier aspects of human life," Dr. Thompson explained, "but from early infancy, boys imitate noises more." Among a host of other amusing consequences, "this makes farts incredibly appealing," as he accurately pointed out. They just don't get old, do they?

Up to a certain point, around three years of age, boys and girls play together "indiscriminately." A little boy can like dolls or a young girl prefer trucks and tools without any rejection from his or her pint-sized peers. This toddler's Eden, however, quickly gives way to "gender exclusivity."

"Eventually, the definition of 'boy' has to be different from what girls are doing," Thompson pointed out. "The girl rocks the baby doll; the boy puts it in the oven and scores some major points with his friends."

From an early age, the average boy is simply more forceful than any girl. While little Alice is playing house and dressing dolls, Billy is peeing on things, pretending his hand is a gun, and probably tearing down Alice's house. Both boys and girls try to dominate each other, of course, but boys are willing to confront one another head-on.

"One-on-one domination is particularly salient among males," said Dr. Thompson. "Boys are always testing each other's strength, pushing, pig-piling, and so on."

Not surprisingly, this pattern continues into adulthood.

"Ninety-five percent of violent

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## Burger Up "One-Up's" competition

By Blake Burns  
Staff Food Critic

Nestled into the corner of Paris and 12th Avenue, one will find the new Nashville original, Burger-Up. Having opened in early 2010, Burger Up brings Nashville up a notch in the burger scene.

Burger Up was an idea that came to Miranda Pontes as a place that would be just right for any occasion. She says in her online bio that she wanted the restaurant to be a "place appropriate for a business lunch, a place for a first date or a 20th anniversary."

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12th Ave's Burger Up was recently rated TN's top burger joint by USA Today. MBA was ahead of the curve.

## New Long Mountain observatory is almost here



Work on new state-of-the-art observatory nears completion.

By Joe Scherrer  
Staff Writer

Most people associated with MBA have a vague sense that the school is building some kind of observatory over at Long Mountain, but not many actually know what it is or what we will be able to do with it. Well, in the words of Coach Lanier, it's going to be "the best thing since MST3K."

The observatory will

be, as Mark Manner, an amateur astronomer involved with setting up the telescopes, says "one of the coolest buildings in the country."

Not only will we be able to explore the night sky to incredible depth (even from the comfort of our homes), but we will even be able to take part in data collecting for groundbreaking research answering some of the most interesting questions in astronomy.

The centerpiece of the observatory will be a large, 16-20" telescope (techspeak: truss tube Ritchey-Chretien Cassegrain from RC Optical Systems). Mounted under a giant, moving dome, it will have a great

view of the night sky and will be able to resolve some of the most spectacular deep sky objects, such as nebulae, galaxies, and globular clusters.

You won't even have to be at the observatory to use it—anyone will be able to explore the night sky from home or school by controlling the telescope over the internet, saving a 2-hour drive and a night spent sleeping on the observatory floor.

MBA will also have a smaller, 6" refracting telescope (techspeak: apochromat from TEC). Though this telescope is comparatively small, the optics are some of the best in the world for refractors, and it will

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## Costa Rica experience amazes

By Cullen Moran  
Staff Writer

The constant murmur of the river as we lie on the dry pebbles of the bank, the warm breeze rustling through the banana trees as we play soccer, the trickle of rain on the tin roof as we share stories from two different worlds—this is the essence of the *pura vida* lifestyle. An awkward kiss on the cheek from my host mom began what would become an unforgettable experience in the hills of Limón, Costa Rica.

The first night in the community was rough. After the aforementioned kiss on the cheek, I blundered through awkward conversations with my host mom, Xinia, during which I seemed to have forgotten two years of Spanish. The culture shock immediately took its toll. I was taken aback by the condition of the house, which consisted of three rooms—two bedrooms and a kitchen/living room area—separated by one layer of drywall that didn't extend all the way to the ceiling. Ants had eaten away the wood framing around the doors and glassless windows. Running water

The family lived hand-to-mouth. The money Remundo brought home every night went to that night's dinner, usually chicken and lots of rice, which would then be reused for breakfast and lunch the next day. While Remundo was working, his son Reynaldo, who is thirteen, would go to school for two hours in the morning, then have the rest of the afternoon to spend with Xinia, my partner Dillon, and me.

It became clear to me that life had not treated Xinia well. She first married when she was sixteen and gave birth to three sons and three daughters in a period of eight years. During those eight years, she told me, her husband regularly beat her, and her sons often left the house to buy and sell marijuana in the streets. She left that husband and came to Altos to live with Remundo, with whom she gave birth to and raised Reynaldo.

She told me she has high hopes for Reynaldo, who wants to be a policeman—on the opposite side of the law from her other sons. During the day, while Remundo was working and Reynaldo was at school, Xinia would do her best to tend to the house as well as the dog, two cats, thirty chickens, alligator (yes, alligator), three rabbits, and pig that the family had both as pets

The river was a ten-minute walk from the school down a completely eroded path that eventually leads to the nearest community, La Esmeralda. On our way cows would moo, and we would pick mangoes and varieties of oranges from the trees that lined the road. The river's water was clear and cool and a refreshing break from the stagnant humidity. There was a fallen tree that hung over the bank about fifteen feet above the surface of the water, and we would repeatedly jump off it until we were too tired to continue, at which point we would lie on the bank and throw rocks into a coyote's den dug in the opposite bank.

Because spending consecutive days at the river was known to cause colds, most days we played futbol (known as soccer by us gringos) behind the school. Often, the games were somewhat of an ordeal, with half the members of the community, old and young alike, participating. As a fundraiser for the project we were carrying out, we held a round-robin soccer tournament for the respective futbol teams (as unofficial as they were) for Altos and two of the neighboring communities. Nearly one hundred people came out to play and spend the afternoon together, laughing,



The breath-taking landscape is only one of the myriad reasons to visit Costa Rica. Photo courtesy of Google.

came through garden hoses, then trickled into a concrete sink through a spigot and emptied out of a hole in the back of the house to eventually drip down into the river that ran behind the property. The bathroom was located outside of the house on what one might call a patio, which, like the house, had a concrete floor and tin roof.

Never before had I been in such an area—the community, named *Altos de Germania* (just *Altos* for short), consisted of only twenty houses lined along a deteriorated gravel road. The school with one teacher and twenty students was the center of the community. Most of the men of the community worked at the local *piñera*, or pineapple farm, with their sons, who started working at the age of about fourteen.

My family was different from the rest in that the father, Remundo, did not work at the *piñera*. He worked cutting grass at Universidad EARTH, an agricultural college located nearly 30 miles away from our house. The only method of transportation available was a bicycle, and for this reason Remundo rose at three in the morning every day except Sunday and returned at around eight at night.

and for food. Outside the house was an avocado tree, lemon tree, coconut tree, countless banana trees, pineapple plant, sugar cane, corn, and beans. On Sundays, when Remundo was home, he would help Xinia take care of their garden and various pets and animals.

We spent the first week getting to know the community by walking down the street and meeting the families and occasionally going to the *pulperia*, a woman's house that doubled as an over-the-counter grocery store, to buy orange Fanta, the preferred drink of the adolescents of Altos. In this way I came to meet the two guys who would become my best friends—Stephen and Rodolfo.

Stephen was twenty years old and Rodolfo was twenty-one. They both worked with their fathers at the *piñera*. After the first week, I spent every day with Rodolfo and Stephen, and the days began to fall into a certain routine. In the morning while Rodolfo and Stephen worked, I would walk the hundred feet to the school to spend time with the kids and to conduct after-school camps that taught about personal hygiene and environmental issues. After school, which ended around one o'clock, Stephen and Rodolfo would return from work to join Reynaldo and me to either play soccer or go to the river.

catching up with family members, and of course, drinking orange Fanta.

During my stay my partner and I carried out a community development project that was mainly the planting of a garden to provide part of the lunch for the school kids. The reason I don't focus on the details of the project is that, while it did benefit the community, it did not have as much of an impact on me as did the relationships I formed with the caring members of Altos.

My mistake during the first two weeks of my stay was focusing too much on the project itself, which made me look at the people around me in terms of who can provide help or resources. Fortunately this attitude quickly changed and developed into a deep love and appreciation of my new friends and family.

The morning of my departure from Altos, after a teary-eyed "*que dios le acompañe, papi*" from Xinia and a "*pura vida, mae*" from Rodolfo and Stephen, I realized that my experience was much more than just a community development project or a foreign exchange program. During my eight weeks I became a *tico* (jargon for a Costa Rican dude), and I know that I will always have a family in the hills of Limón, where I will always be welcomed when I return.



# Rookie newsman Scotty D reps veteran juniors

By Scott Dalton  
11th-Grade News Reporter

Starting off my first class news article, I would like to throw a shout out Andrew Powell's way because without Andrew, I would still be walking around school with my glasses on, sporting argyle socks, saving my shirt with a pocket protector, and have my pants drawn above my belly button.

On that note, The Nashville Shores boys are totally bummed that the season has ended and a new film crew will follow around **Pauli B Brazil**, **Ford "The Situation" Saunders**, and **Ronnie Don Don Hoover** in a new series called "Jump on Ronnie's Grenades." Be on the lookout for **Tim Bulso**: he might just appear randomly in literally every episode.

On that note **Karthik "The Ultimate Lax Bro" Sastry** took it to the house in a game of hoops against **Zach Chen** -- the score was 3-2. **Harris Elledge** kept score and provided Gatorade with those little umbrellas in them.

**Palmer "Stanky P" Campbell** called everyone in the grade for homework help on Wednesday night last week. **Adam Hawiger** responded readily since he had recently read a news article on the topic of nuclear sublimation of turtles in the ozone layer

above area 51. They had a fantastic convo. Good work, bros.

**Daniel "Buns and Thighs" Bellet** hung out on Saturday night with **Mr. Herring**. Mr. Herring is still unsure of what Daniel's fascination with him is. **Warren Lipscomb** found Daniel in the freezer a week later. As a celebration Daniel worked out, then ate 16 pounds of whey protein. **Mattison Hamilton** ate 16.1...tough cookies, Daniel.

Everyone in the grade was super bummed that **Adam Hobbs** couldn't give them a ride to the football game after locking his keys in his car for the 2nd fortnight in a row. Rumor has it that he was camping out outside his car because he is too scared his parents would literally kill him. **Wills Brooks** broke the window with his hands tied behind his back and killed a raccoon. The keys were in the trunk...nice, bro.

**Roe Moore** was successful in stealing the original Declaration of Independence from Washington D.C. Unfortunately, **Will Narramore** accidentally burned it because he thought it was fire starter. Roe glued it back together and gave it back to **Baker Swain**. Unfortunately, Baker used a secret code he saw in "National Treasure" to ask his date to homecoming. Baker lost the Declaration at some time in between the ride from Hot Yoga to Whole Foods. Yeah, **Grant Altshuler** was there too, I guess.

**Casey Orate** finally beat **Peach** in a game of Mario Kart on N64. Of course, he was Toad and now is really trying to focus his game on beating Daisy. He will try 50 CC first. **Henry Beveridge** is on to bigger and better things in his Mario Kart career, taking on **Bowser** (his celeb look-a-like). **Palmer** prefers Mario Tennis. We all know, Palmer, we all know.

**Gray Jones** has decided to leave MBA to go live among his native peoples, the worm llamas. From henceforth his name will be "sock-em-bopper," and he will only respond when approached from a 36-degree angle. HOLY SCHNEIKES!!!!!! Sorry, **Tim Bulso** just showed up outside my house...

**Aaron Ardisson** and **Rob Edwards** were seen long-boarding on MBA's campus and totally grinded on some sick rails. **Hoke Smith** joined in on the street luge. In the end **James Kay** broke their boards and ate the wood for protein.

**David Arteaga** claims that there is a Dan-Whal in his car. Don't ask **Harry Woosley** to come check it out because he might rip off your doors. **Alex Hagar** knows.

**Daniel Peters** and **John Mark Bellet** had a sick Pokémon battle. John Mark



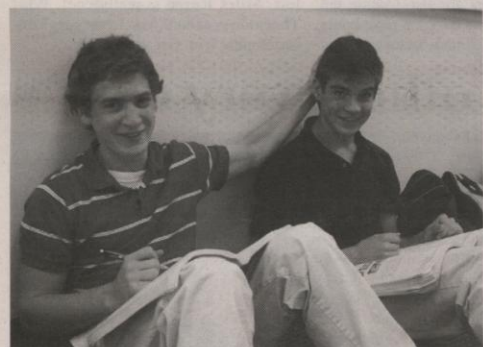
Out of this motley crew of Juniors, can you guess which one is an Armani model? Photo courtesy of Mr. Jamie Tillman via Shutterstock.com

used his Charizard and DP just went with Squirtle. After DP won, news channel 5 asked him how many battles he had won, to which he responded "over 9,000." **Ross Martin** said it was "a magnificent display of firepower, but in the end the hydro-pump won out"... cool Ross.

So that's pretty much it. **John Morphis** is still a bro along with **Logan Standaard**, **Bryan Oslin** broke his belly button, no one really knows the whereabouts of **Hugh Wells**, **Jonathan Reilly** is the next Tupac, **Clay Sullivan** looks like Curly from The Three Stooges, **Jack Whitson** (who hasn't had a carb since 2004) is joining a minor league badminton team, **Edward Wilson** is a heavy favorite to beat **Kimbo Slice** in a cage match to the death, **Jhamall Wright** is going to the NFL soon so make sure you say goodbye, I will say nothing about a Danwhich, my cousin, **Joe Scherrer**, and I are having a family reunion this weekend, and **Hunter Woolwine** is an inspiration to us all.

That's pretty much it. And remember, when you go to Cabo, always ride the jetskis. Peace.

Junior **Matthew Davidson** gives **Henry Richardson** a playful smack on the head. Photo courtesy of Mr. Jamie Tillman via Shutterstock.com



Junior Matthew Davidson gives Henry Richardson a playful smack on the head. Photo courtesy of Mr. Jamie Tillman via Shutterstock.com

## Freshmen adjust to high school, elect leadership

By Wells Hamilton  
Staff News Writer

The year has started well for the freshmen, and they have almost all adjusted to high school.

The freshmen class has just finished electing its class officers. The office of president will be held by **Wells Hamilton**; **Ferris Bailey** is the new vice-president; the new treasurer is **Wesley Jenkins**, and the office of secretary is ably filled by **Drew Benson**. This power cabinet promises an exciting year for the freshmen.

The student council representatives for the freshmen class are **Ben Shankle**, **Paul Garrard**, **Keith Gambill**, **Jack Thompson**, **Denney Lackey**, **Ben Barton**, and **Kalyan Chadalavada**.

A major delight of high school for the freshmen are the duties of the class, the primary one, of course, being recycling. Fortunately, no demerits (to my knowledge) have been assessed for not fulfilling recycling duties.

Spirit week went well for the class, as there was phenomenal spirit shown by many individuals in the freshman class. On Jersey Day, some proud Ole' Miss fans (**Chase Duffy**), still wore their jerseys to prove they were not fair-weather fans.

Camo day was reasonably well supported although to the disappointment of many, **Alec McDowell** was not wearing his gillye suit.

Lax Bro/ Church ball day was led by bros

like **Rem Houghton** and **Pat Sanders**. **Ben Barton** led the freshman in spirit super hero day by coming to school as the infamous "Greenman." "Greenman" has been making appearances at various MBA events such as the MBA Carnival and the Ensworth game.

The freshman turnout for Big Red Day was also impressive, with nearly every freshman decked in red. Spirit week seemed to lead up well to the first Homecoming for the freshman class. After the drudgery of serving at the spaghetti supper, the freshmen had a generally amazing time at the Homecoming dance on Saturday, and an even better time at the after party at **Henry Ingram's** house, where, fortunately, no decks collapsed.

Right: The Freshmen elect their class officers. Anyone remember **Bill Shofner**?

Left: Not to fear, GREENMAN is here! Photos courtesy of Mr. Jamie Tillman.





# Swift seniors been goin', finna go ham left n' right

By John Wyse  
Staff Senior News Writer

The first quarter has been an exciting time for the senior class. It's a time for stealing cookies from microbes and laughing at marshmallow-stuffed gingers (except Chad); it's a time when most of us are more worried about finding paint for Friday night than what's on our AP Bio test.

Clay Garrett's words, as he belts out the lyrics to the Mulan soundtrack, seem to sum up what is on every senior's mind: "We must be swift as the coursing river, with all the force of a great typhoon." Unfortunately for Clay, his college apps have about the force of the mighty Harpeth. As the boys of '11 try to make the most of every day we have left, I'd like to reflect on some of the good times as well as the bad.

Cross-country seniors **Michael Peters**, **Ryan Hill**, **Stephen Bedard**, **Andrew Powell**, and **Hayes McCord** continue their quest to repeat at state and move on to regionals. Even after running a personal record 15:30 5k race, Michael says, "I don't even like running that much, I'm just really competitive."

As far as football goes, **Joe Riegler** is an animal, **D-Mac** wants more touches, **Tyler Franks** is the next Jones-Drew, **Hiller Miggins** ate his body weight in Mc\*\*\*\*Bangs, **Alex Hunt** is Alex Hunt, and **Mason Foote** wears unnecessary sweatbands to impress **Mackinnon** because **Wirth** told him to.



Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete Clay Garrett advertises the year's unofficial theme - finna go ham - as he leads the Big Red Bomb Squad. Photo courtesy of Mr. Tillman.

On the other side of Big Red sports, hockey season is fast approaching. This year the team is led by senior captains **Christian Alford** and **Max Coyle** as well as unofficial captain **Patrick Star**. Games start over fall break. Their season goal is to eat only good-tasting sandwiches.

**Hayden Morgan** and **Jack Warne** have become expert gardeners, but have complained that it's addictive. **Hunter Wise** loves volleyball but can't look at a cantaloupe the same way anymore. **Harrison Luna** has a combined 0-83 record in Tron, Slime Soccer, and Stratego.

**Jimmie Anderson** is starting a

fantasy basketball league among several other seniors and **Dr. Kinch**. Sleeper pick-**Joachim Noah**, or you might remember him as that really ugly guy from Florida.

**Jack Hallemann** and **Laura Gregory** both had great homecomings together, while **Ben Coode** got a great night's sleep on a yummy couch. Likewise, while **Hayes McCord's** date ate a little too much Mexican, **Will Norton** was shakin' his booty on the dance floor and having the time of his life.

The seniors are also leading the way in service, as we have the most hours of any class. Last Saturday, October 9, was

the annual Race for the Cure. **Doug McWilliams** spearheaded MBA's efforts there, and he thanks everyone who helped him out.

The school's one-act this fall is *The Odyssey*, starring **Chris Goodrich**, **Andrew Wright**, and **Will Lee**. They are hoping to capture the state title and move on to Southeasterns.

Several seniors had memorable college visits, as well. **Jojo Guerre** loves UT football, and **Alex Hunt** finally found out what Cheerwine tastes like at Auburn.

In a closely-contested race, **Bradley Worthington's** number of skipped hockey workouts surpassed his number of unnecessary afternoon showers. I'll be sure to inform everyone of the final results once hockey season ends.

Many seniors have returned to their favorite shows with the start of a new television season. **Ford Altenbern** happily watches each new episode of *Glee* alongside his favorite teddy bear. **Ben "Kenny Powers" Crook** couldn't wait for *Eastbound and Down* to premiere. When asked if his obsession would interfere with his schoolwork Ben responded, "Nah f&g% that noise, I've got some stuff set up already."

**Nick Besette** is fist-pumpin' '24/7. **Mitchell Shope** hasn't been seen since the release of *Halo Reach*. **Rob McArthur's** jaw is still recovering. **Will Baker** is homeless. **Miles Karro** is really cool. **Whit Thornton** goes hard. **Van Least** goes hard-ish. Seniors Win. Get 'em Red.

# Sophomores beat up on each other every day

By McLean Hudson  
Staff News Writer

With almost a quarter of the school year finished, just about everyone in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade finds the sophomore year distasteful so far: the lab reports, the archaic history tests, texican, scout team, the list goes on. But life goes on as well, and whining, as **Commander Carr** often reminds me, only makes it worse for everyone else. So, I'll spare you my personal problems and get right to it.

**John Mellow** beat **Robert Papel**, despite the latter's veteran status on the Big Red bowling team, indicating that the sport requires little to no skill at all (the publication of this story marks the decline of my chemistry grade).

**Tate Ramsden** has committed to swim for the Green Machine of North Texas, and **William Yang** is a butterfly. Speaking of butterflies: **Daniel Maynard**.

**Mark Lowe** is kind of annoying in Spanish class, but at least he doesn't know the word of the day. **Galen Bullington** thought the homework was due tomorrow, **Andrew Graham** is untouchable in Mr. Moxley's class, and **Chandler Burgess** was recently potty trained. **Jack Emerson** likes the Discovery Channel. **Bradley** lost his UT hoodie. **Patrick Moody** and **Sam Turner**, the newest additions to the dynamite MBA bowling squad, are friends. **Jetarii "Lil JJ" Donald** is slick. Or slique. Or slice. I don't really care which one.

**Paul Moore** is still beat jackin', **Jack Simons** found the rest of the joey, and **John Garrett** is getting domed in Gogo's fantasy football league. **Jackson Flora** really, really likes **Jack Johnson** and **John**

**Meyer**. Dad gum, **Mohammad**.

I may or may not have forgotten to send out an email to you guys, so I'm a little short on stories this time. This has led me to a new portion of the news: Facebook stalking...**Landon Bullock** is just too good at Super Smash Bros., **James Sharp** is single, and **John Tully** got pulled over less than 24 hours after turning 16. **Wilson Johnson** went to the Titans game, **Dallas** had a fun night, and **Clint Smith** is fast and furious (+ something about Thrasher), and **Gary Jackson** swims like a fish. **Falkner Werkhaven** likes a bunch of statues and pages.

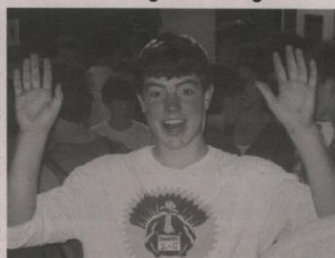
Moving on from that-**Adam Bowman's** pun count is approaching 150 on the year, resulting in a strange shortage of mints in W22. **Robert Papel** saw Mr. Tate driving and was frightened, and **Sal Neglia** is smiling. **Chris Duffey's** milk will go sour, but

not if **Sam Edwards** has anything to say about it. **Andy Seay** is scraping by in Mrs. Qian's class, but he feels like he can do much better. He also beat **Tom Bu** in ping-pong.

**Jack Benton** is debating whether or not to attempt the bi-triple-duo maneuver, but, according to **Nathan Fouts**, he will likely end up with few female friends. **Jody Gorham** refuses to partake in any goldfish-related activities, and the sophomore football team could probably play varsity if we moved down a couple divisions.

Tata for now. I have to go find a chill song and post it on Facebook to impress the ladies. **Sam Waitt**, this makes us 2 for 2 on the year. Stay in school, kids.


Oh, and did anyone see Furman's eye?



Patrick Moody is excited to be an MBA Sophomore. He will celebrate by going to Donut Den. Photo courtesy of McLean via Facebook.



Sophomores show the other schools what's up with the what's up as they do battle on the football turf. Roll Red. Photo courtesy of Mr. Jamie Tillman.



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## Language department is never static on the Hill

By Sam Weien  
Staff Writer

Whether we know it or not, language is constantly changing. From the addition of words to the changing of words' meanings to how they are spelled or pronounced, language always changes. And, like the languages, MBA's language department is constantly growing and changing, too.

Many language trips take place during the summers. Besides the 25 students who traveled around the world with the Wilson Language Grants this past summer, Ms. O'Connell, Mr. Gaither, Mr. Kamm, and Mr. Bernatavitz all went to France, Dr. Li went to China, Dr. Gaffney traveled to Italy, while Herr Sawyer traveled to Germany.

In terms of student trips this next summer, there will again be Wilson Language Grants for 20-25 students. There will be a trip to Costa Rica with Mr. Paolocchi and Mr. Spiegel, and Mr. Sawyer is also going to Germany with the Sister Cities Program.

MBA's language department is continuing to gain prestige across the city, the state, and the nation. First off, at the TFLTA (Tennessee Foreign Language Teachers

Association) conference in early November, Ms. Lanigan is the featured speaker at the conference banquet. Mr. Sawyer is giving a talk at one session, Ms. Ellery is giving a presentation using Google Earth at another session, while Mr. Gaither is presiding at a session. Ms. Lanigan and Mr. Gaither are both members of the TFLTA Board.

Ms. Christeson has written the historical/mythological notes for an art showing currently at the Parthenon. The show, titled "Women in Mythology," has been greatly supported by Ms. Christeson's knowledge of classical antiquity. Further, she has given talks and videos to support the show.

Technology and computers are helping to enhance the quality of the oral/aural skills of the language students. Mr. Paolocchi and Mr. Gray installed and programmed all new computers in the language lab over the summer.

MBA's language department is still growing, and with the current developments in language teaching and the well-qualified and trained language teachers MBA has, MBA, if not already, will soon have one of the best language departments in the nation.

## Mr. Golenor talks math with *The Bell Ringer*

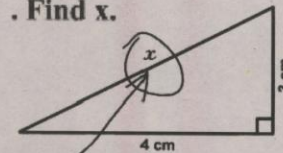
By Davis Lovvorn  
Staff Writer

The math department has undergone significant transformations lately. Mr. Golenor, the boomerang and math champ, has replaced Dr. Shackleford, who will be retiring next year, as the math department chairman. Battered with bake sale goods, I managed to climb my way up to the third floor in Ball Hall to interview Mr. Golenor and was met with boomerangs flying in the classroom.

Mr. Todd Moran, teaching Algebra II honors, has returned from Virginia after a two-year hiatus from MBA. Coach Golenor expressed his excitement to have him back. Students with firsthand experience as being Mr. Moran's students assure us that he is an excellent teacher. He coaches football and basketball, as well.

Mrs. Fran Stewart, the new junior school head, is teaching Algebra I in the junior school. Coach Golenor told me of Mrs. Stewart's excitement to be back in the classroom teaching, as she was a principal in the public school systems. The math department, and the school, are excited to

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Here it is

have both new additions.

Math competitions will start in October, headed by Mr. Frantz. MBA expects to do well in the Interscholastic Math League. Mrs. Qian will once again take control of the pizza-laden Mathcounts program and the AMC 8. Joe Scherrer was the state champion in the AMC 10 over the summer. Congratulations, Joe.

Finally, Mr. Golenor told me about what makes an awesome class sheriff: "The class sheriff is the head honcho, the top dog, and one of serious sweetness." A student must demonstrate "serious sweetness" to be elected. No sheriff has been elected at this time, but look in future issues to learn who will become the sheriff.

## Wilson Language Grants Informational Meeting for 2011 Applicants Wednesday, October 20, Pfeffer Auditorium

## New course enters science curriculum

By Jake Macey  
Staff News Writer

Beginning this year, the science department is offering a Human Anatomy and Physiology (HAP) class for seniors. After several years of planning and designing the curriculum, the science department, along with Mrs. Holmgren, who is teaching the course, has included HAP as a new course for seniors.

HAP is designed as an in-depth look at the human body. The course gives a comprehensive look at all eleven body systems, along with a review of biological and chemical processes occurring throughout the body.

With emphasis on the role of each system and the diseases and factors affecting

them, the class surpasses any 9<sup>th</sup>-grade freshman's knowledge of the body systems.

The class labs are comprised of computer activities and dissections, including a cow eye, brain, and, eventually, a cat. The advanced computer technology used helps students to analyze and measure muscle, heart, and brain activity with electromyography.

Guest lecturers and outside speakers also reinforce ideas and answer questions from the students.

When the question of why this class is not an Advanced Placement class arises, the clear answer is that there is no national level AP class. Only if the nation as a whole decides to offer APHAP will MBA consider offering it as an AP course.

HAP prepares students for a plethora of possible fields of work. According to Mrs. Holmgren, HAP prepares a student for fields involving medical illustration, biomedicine, medicine, and many more areas of science. This year, Mrs. Holmgren is teaching eighteen enthusiastic seniors in one class. Overall, MBA sees a great future for HAP.

With the first quarter coming to a close, the other science classes have already experienced several memorable experiences. Dr. Marro attempted to scare his IPS classes yet again with his intimidating sunglasses. Mr. Spiegel introduced garden work (manual labor) to his 8<sup>th</sup>-grade classes in order to "better understand Earth Science." Chemistry students are still wondering why they

took the honors course. Physics scholars are trying to understand how fast a ball drops. And, seniors in APES are enjoying their numerous excursions out to the park. The science department is again off to a strong year.

Photos courtesy of Google Images.



## What's happening in the History Department?

By Roe Moore  
Staff News Writer

The History Department is very excited about the 2010-2011 school year, with some new additions to the teaching squad and some intense research done over the summer.

The History Department introduced Dr. Boyd to the teaching staff this year. He is originally from England, studied at Vanderbilt, teaches Modern European History, has a great sense of humor, and has

become a favorite of the students.

Everybody is also excited to have Coach Rodriguez, an MBA alumnus, back in the classroom, teaching a section of U.S. History.

Over the summer Dr. Bailey, McKay Proctor, and Mrs. Tilley did an extensive research of the campus archives. They discovered some remarkably old and interesting historical documents. Some of these McKay will edit and put in *The Bell Ringer*. Dr. Bailey hopes that these newly discovered articles and documents will

enhance the classroom experience for all students by tying in some MBA history with U.S. history.

This year Dr. Bailey, the History Department chairman, is pushing for more student participation in competitions and for more students to approach research more systematically. One of the major contests about which Dr. Bailey is enthusiastic is a new, upcoming competition put on by the Hermitage. Look for an announcement during assembly sometime in October.

The Model UN and the Youth Leg-

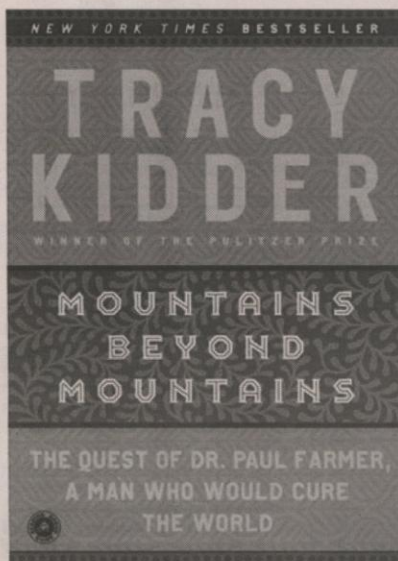
islature teams hope to have a strong showing this year as well.

Some teams and competitions this year are Model UN (November 20<sup>th</sup>), Mock Trial (Spring, 2011), Tennessee History Day (February, 2011), Youth Legislature (February 10, 2011), Full Moon Film Festival (March, 2011), and Sam Davis Essay (Spring, 2011).

There is something for everyone on the MBA campus, and everyone is encouraged to participate in an activity.



# Discussion of books gives way to grammar



By John Mellow  
Staff Writer

A pattern develops in English class during the first few days of each school year. We take rushed quizzes in the first half-week of school on our summer reading books, and then we move on. Classes come back to discussing the required reading in order to prepare students for the first theme, but the amount of review is minimal. The all-school read seems quickly forgotten, as is each student's choice book.

English class is as great a forum as

any for thought-provoking discussions on summer reading, such as our opinions of the healthcare system presented in *Mountains Beyond Mountains*. So why haven't they happened yet?

English classes begin the year more crammed than possibly any other department on campus. In addition to summer reading, grammar at first consumes an extremely large percentage of English class.

Mr. Moxley, the chairman of the English Department, explains the emphasis on grammar as necessary in the first six to eight weeks of class. It allows the teacher to see weaknesses in the grammar of individual students so that they can deal with problems before classes get too much into writing.

More importantly, Mr. Moxley explains that dealing with grammar early allows classes to have a "shared vocabulary" when it comes to certain grammatical terms, curbing the need for explanation later in the year when classes apply their knowledge to composition. Finally, early grammar review helps new students acclimate to the grammar expectations of the year.

Besides a trade-off with grammar, there is another reason for the seeming lack of emphasis placed on summer reading. Our books are meant to pique interest in reading as an exciting activity rather than

a burden.

Several years ago, the English department decided to replace the long list of choice books for each class with much shorter, more focused selections that are meant to be interesting and fun to read. Although many classes do write themes on their required books, these too are meant to be enjoyed.

English teachers do not expect us to come in from summer vacation ready for a intensive review of a book that we might have read in June. The purpose of the quizzes at the beginning of the year is more a check to make sure we have read the books than a true challenge.

Finally, regarding the all-school read, the discussions about *Mountains Beyond Mountains* will happen, just not necessarily in English class. The term "all-school" implies that these discussions can and should be taking place throughout many subjects and outside of the classroom. In fact, the upcoming healthcare symposium demonstrates MBA's efforts to bring about this discussion. English teachers use the essays written on the all-school read as a tool to provoke thought and as a preliminary gauge of their students' writing abilities. But, the lack of talk about the all-school read in English class beyond these essays is a testament to

the idea of an "all-school" book, instead of just an English read.

Every year an argument can be made that the English department does not put enough focus on summer reading. One can argue the reasonableness of the system, the meaningfulness of the quick tests in the first week of school, or the purpose of the intensive grammar review, but there are reasons behind the policies of the summer reading program at MBA.

Mr. Moxley and the department have tried to implement the easiest and best system that they can and are always open to suggestions and constructive criticism.

As for the *Mountains Beyond Mountains* debates, these are not strictly limited to English class. When Mr. Gioia announced to the school at the first assembly of the year that he hoped that we would be involved with discussions of the national and international healthcare system, he challenged us to apply our summer reading to areas beyond the classroom, and the English Department is trying to do the same.

**Left: Kidder's *Mountains Beyond Mountains* was a topic of discussion in English classes this first quarter, but the implications of this book go beyond the walls of your Wallace Hall English classroom.**

## Joe's getting hype for Long Mtn. observatory

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be perfect for taking clear, detailed pictures of objects like the sun, moon, and planets. Since it will be the center of a classroom with an opening roof, the telescope will also be a great teaching tool for the astronomy class and club.

So, what will we be able to do with it? Besides just taking pretty pictures, MBA students will actually have the ability to take part in real astronomical research on some of the most interesting questions in astronomy at the moment, like variable stars.

Betelgeuse ("beetlejuice"), like all variable stars, mysteriously expands and contracts over time, and scientists have little idea why. Observing such stars and collecting data is one of the few areas in which amateurs can make a significant contribution to science, and our telescope will be one of the best tools available.

But Mr. Manner says that we may be able to do something even more impressive — discover exo-planets. To find such



Work proceeds at the Long Mountain site and the observatory will soon be available for student use.

planets that orbit other stars, astronomers look for "transits," which occur when a planet passes in front of a star and blocks some of the light, making the star momentarily dimmer.

Though observing such an event is, yes, like finding a needle in a haystack, the rate of discovering exo-planets has jumped up to almost two per month, and even amateurs have discovered a few. Though "it'd be a huge amount of time and work, it's conceivable that a group of MBA students could discover an exo-planet," Manner says. Man, that would be sweetest!

The observatory should be usable within three or four months, when the Astronomy Club will take an expedition up to Long Mountain to check things out.

Sign up if you're interested in getting involved; just don't expect Dr. Dickens's "cooking" to be edible.

**A view from the inside showing where the massive telescope will be perched.**



## The past gives us needed perspective

The Library's archives contain fascinating materials from the past and timeless lessons for the present

By McKay Proctor  
Staff Archivist

The idea that history is all around us is one that is constantly impressed upon MBA students. The cannons in front of Carter, the statue of Sam Davis, the portraits of headmasters past, all of these scream of the MBA that was.

There are strong symbols and obvious tangles that connect this ghostly campus of the past to ours. One of them is the tradition of student publications here on The Hill.

Before there was *The Bell Ringer*, there was *The Montgomery Bell Bulletin*, a strange hybrid of a newspaper, yearbook, and a student literary magazine. There are literally decades of these publications sitting behind the desk in the library, and they hold

the key to piecing together a picture of what MBA looked like when Woodrow Wilson was president and the "wonders of radio" were just being imagined.

For instance, in light of the recent parking troubles and the planned buildings, this excerpt from the February, 1925 *Bulletin* shows that difficulty with parking is in no way a new concept at MBA:

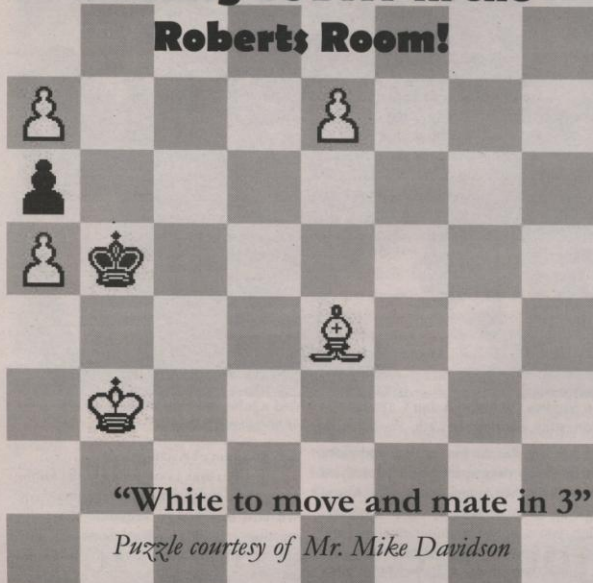
"Another thing that is injuring the campus, chiefly around the building, is the parking of cars on the grass at the side of the road instead of on the road itself, thus causing deep ruts and holes in the ground, especially during these winter months. . . . The campus is thus left with a series of tracks that resemble some railroad yard. . . . and no grass will grow in those places. . . . We admit that there are more students in school who have cars this year than ever before, and we also admit we are very limited on parking space. However, we do believe that if an honest effort were made, those boys with cars could find a place on the road somewhere, and not the first place they come to on campus."

The past provides perspective for the present, and from the library's archives we can see the past.



## Clubs Spotlight

**Join the Chess Club for their meeting TODAY in the Roberts Room!**



## BIG RED POINTS

- #1 -- 7th Grade - 37
- #2 -- 8th Grade - 32
- #3 -- 9th Grade - 27
- #4 -- 12th Grade - 23
- #5 -- 10th Grade - 17
- #6 -- 11th Grade - 11

**UPCOMING BIG RED POINTS EVENTS:**  
**October 15th-17th:** MBA Rifle Classic at MBA  
**October 21st-** Cross Country Metro Championships  
**October 26th-** 10th Grade Football City Championship  
**November 6th-** Cross Country State meet  
**November 12th-** Football Play-off  
**Week of November 15th-** Lord of the Flies play  
**Week of November 22nd-** Thanksgiving (no event)  
**December 5th-** Holiday Concert

The Outdoor Club's first trip will be Thursday to Long Mountain to climb, canoe, trail blaze, and check out the observatory. There will be numerous other events throughout the year, culminating in the summer outing to climb the Half-Dome in Yosemite, flyfish the Yosemite rivers, backpack amongst the Sequoia trees, which are the largest trees in the world, and finally backpack in the Grand Canyon to one of the most beautiful water falls in the US. The dates of this trip are June 13-21st. Alongside the Outdoor club, the Venturing crew with Lt Col Sharbel through the boy scouts has

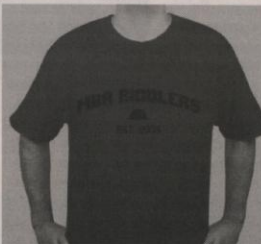
## Homecoming Riddle

**Answer = 9 guys (use binary)**

Example of binary search method using 4 people, usable for up to 16 ( $2^4$ ) bottles of water...

B	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
P1		X				X	X	X				X	X	X		X
P2			X			X			X	X		X	X		X	X
P3				X			X		X		X	X		X	X	X
P4					X			X		X	X		X	X	X	X

The X's show which bottles each person should drink from and ultimately represent which people turn blue. As each bottle has its own binary signature, the determination is easy. For example, if P1 and P3 turn blue, then the poisonous bottle is #7, or if P1, P2, and P4 turn blue, then it's bottle #13. This method can be expanded to using 9 people to cover all 500 possible bottles (9 people would work for up to 512 bottles) and save our Homecoming!



**Limited Edition Riddlers Club t-shirts on sale!**



**Talk to Andrew Powell for more details. (shirt color is Cardinal)**

## MBA OUTDOORS



Rob Barnes, Philip Daniele, Cody Fisher, Warren Smith, and even John Wyse enjoyed last summer's Out West trip. Photo courtesy of CPT Norton.

regular outings of canoeing, mountain biking, and hiking. Additionally the climbing club with Mr. Lester has great outdoor opportunities to scale new heights.

**Advertise your club in *The Bell Ringer*!!!**  
**Talk to Editor-in-Chief Andrew Powell**



# The Hill is home to an array of diversity clubs

By Scott Blackwell  
Staff Writer

As any student who attended the recent Activity Fair knows, MBA is home to a myriad of clubs and organizations for various activities, ranging anywhere from practicing Kendo with Dr. Marro to solving riddles in the MBA Riddlers Club. Among these are several cultural clubs, centered around the various ethnicities present on MBA's campus. I recently got a chance to talk with the leaders of these clubs to find out a bit more about each of them.

**Bell Ringer:** What is the goal of your club, and what do you hope to accomplish this year?

**Mohammad Mehio (Arabic Studies Club):** I want to try to educate as many students at MBA as possible about general Arabic culture and to clear any misconceptions or inaccurate stereotypes that people may have about Arabic culture.

**Cedric Smith (African American Studies Club):** The goal of the African American Studies Club is to educate the MBA masses on African American history and to help them become more culturally aware. I hope to make MBA a more culturally sensitive place, and a more diverse place as a whole.

**Dr. Li (Asian Cultural Club):** The primary goal of the Asian Cultural Club is to promote a better understanding of Asian cultures. Through sponsoring some activities and events, our club aims to raise appreciation for the diversity of Asian culture in the MBA community. We want our community to experience a taste of Asian culture and at the same time to be aware that this culture is an integral part of MBA. Most importantly, we intend to help everyone see himself not simply as a member of some local culture, region, group, or nation but as a human being with world vision and perception.

**Partha Reddy (Indian Cultural Club):** The MBA Indian Cultural Club is a student club that works to spread awareness about Indian culture and society, and also works as a platform for Indian students to collaborate with each other. You don't have to be Indian to join this group; you just have to FEEL Indian! Well, from time to time.

**Bell Ringer:** How often will the club meet, and what do you plan to talk about?

**Mohammad:** I plan on having basic, outlined presentations about various Arabic and Middle Eastern countries which will be open for questions and debate.

**Cedric:** The Club will meet approximately two times a month. We discuss important African American figures, African American accomplishments, controversial and racially sensitive topics pertaining to African Americans, and also the present African American culture. We will also discuss problems many African Americans face in a predominately Caucasian school, and how to deal with those problems.

**Dr. Li:** This year our club plans to meet at least once a month for regular events and activities. We may also occasionally meet every two weeks during special festivals such as the Chinese New Year. The club officers, Wentao Zhang, Jesse Suh,

Zach Chen, and John Mark Bellet, want to meet every two weeks to talk about club events and an organizational plan.

**Bell Ringer:** Do you have any special events planned for the club?

**Mohammad:** Right now I'm planning a few activities, such as outings to various Arabic restaurants, like Kebab Gyro's.

**Cedric:** I am currently working on several special events for the club. I am working on planning a diversity summit in the early spring, setting up a field trip to the civil rights museum, and also the annual MLK march.

**Dr. Li:** We just had our first club meeting this year, which was a joint meeting with the African American Studies Club. Three Wilson Language Grant recipients who went to China this summer made a great presentation on their China trip, elaborating on how experiencing China opened their eyes and helped them understand this part of the world in a better way. These presentations were well received by a large audience. This year we are also planning some other events; for instance, we plan on sponsoring an Asian Lecture Series speaker, an Asian Movie Night, a ping pong tournament, a Chinese and Korean Food Fundraiser for an Asian philanthropic cause, and a big celebration of the Chinese New Year by making dumplings for the MBA community. Last year we had great success with this celebration, and we cooked 450 scrumptious dumplings for the community. We will make dumplings again this year and let our community taste the food and understand the customs and traditions of the Chinese New Year.

**Partha:** We plan on incorporating Indian holidays such as Deepavali into the list of holidays people recognize, like Christmas and Hanukkah. Also, being comfortable with the versatile food culture is another goal!

**Bell Ringer:** Where, when, and for how long do you plan on having meetings?

**Mohammad:** We will usually meet either in Gibbs or Pfeffer, but I will send an email if there are any variations in location. In-school meetings will take place during break anywhere from 2 to 5 times a semester.

**Cedric:** Normally our meetings are held in the Library Conference Room. The meetings consist normally the length of our 30 minute break, sometimes shorter. We try to have meetings at the beginning of the month as well as the end. Most of our meetings will occur on Tuesday, but we will also occasionally have meetings on Wednesday and Thursday, as well.



MBA's African American Studies Club and Asian Cultural Club held a joint meeting in the Library Conference room on Wednesday, September 29th. Photo courtesy of Mr. Jamie Tillman.

**Dr. Li:** As for the time and place for our Club events, they will be notified through the MBA announcements. If you sign up as a member of Asian Cultural Club, you will also be in our email list and will hear from our club officers from time to time. We are looking forward to a great year of serving MBA community through

the education of Asian culture!

**Partha:** Look for us in the Gibbs room about twice a month on Wednesdays. We will also try to schedule diversity meetings outside of school, hopefully joint projects with the other diversity groups on campus.

## Wallace Hall is cool but ready for a change

By Joe Barry  
Staff Writer

It is common knowledge to the average MBA student that Wallace Hall is the oldest building on campus, except for the venerable Ball Hall. One doesn't have to look hard to recognize its decrepitude when comparing the ceilings, the floors, the electrical outlets, and the bathrooms to those of any other building on campus.

Wallace Hall served as the gymnasium until approximately 1957, when Brownlee O. Currey Gymnasium was built. The former gymnasium then became an academic/congregation hall. The upstairs had fixed desks and a stage at the south end of the room. All study halls and assemblies were held in this space, with the seniors sitting on the stage during assemblies. Plays were also performed on the stage, with the audience sitting in the fixed desks.

In about 1990 this upstairs assembly space was converted to classrooms to match the classrooms which were downstairs. The downstairs classrooms date back to the time of the original conversion from the gymnasium. In the gym the downstairs was a locker room/dressing room/shower.

The construction we see on the east side of the campus today will find its way up the hill toward Wallace, with Wallace being the third building to be "altered"...first, the garage; then, the Lowry classroom building; then, Wallace. But, is it a mistake for MBA

to tear down its next-to-the-oldest building, or is it time for something new?

Personally, I like change, and, even though I'll likely be in college before Wallace is close to being torn down, the idea of a new building on campus is exciting. Also, Wallace just seems to lack some common things that other buildings have, such as staircases on both ends of the building and clean bathrooms. The bathrooms in Wallace just never seem clean. After seeing the plans for what is to come in the new construction, getting rid of Wallace seems like an easy decision.

When asked about the change and construction, Jashon Robertson, a freshman who will be lucky enough to use the new building, said, "Well, I think it's really cool that I will be able to say that I took classes in the old Wallace and the new building," while adding, "I like the idea of taking away Wallace to expand because many other schools are doing this and we need the class space."

Dr. Seay agrees. When asked if the new building is for better or for worse, Dr. Seay responded, "I think it's very much for the better. The new dining facility is much-needed and will help out the school." As far as the history of Wallace being remembered, he also said, "I'm very glad the Wallace name is being preserved. I think the ties between MBA and the Wallace School are very important to maintain."



# Three weeks in Rome prove to be unforgettable

By Will Stewart  
Staff Traveler

I used my Wilson Language Grant to study in Rome for three weeks in a collaborative program between Brown University and St. Stephen's School. I was with 34 other teenagers from around the world, including Jack Whitson, who won the other language grant for Latin. We stayed on St. Stephen's campus in the middle of Rome, just a short walk away from the Circus Maximus and the Colosseum.

Most of our time during the weekdays was spent in class. I took Italian I, Music History, and Italian Art and Architecture: Renaissance through the Baroque.

Though Italian and Music History were both useful and enjoyable, my art history course was one of the best classes I have ever taken. I've always appreciated art, but this course truly ignited my passion for art in a way that I'd never before believed possible. Being in Rome obviously allowed for a much more in-depth, personal examination of the great Italian works.

One of the experiences that stands out most in my mind was one of the first days of class, when our teacher took us into a nondescript church and showed us a Michelangelo statue standing in a corner.



The Courtyard outside where Will stayed for his three week trip to Rome.

The fact that we could simply go into a virtually deserted church and walk right up to a Michelangelo truly demonstrated to me how Rome is saturated with great works of art and that one can essentially stumble upon a masterpiece just off the beaten path.

The Borghese gallery was also awe-inspiring, particularly the Bernini sculptures "Apollo and Daphne" and "The Rape of Proserpina". In fact, my teacher said that in his opinion the most beautiful sight in all of Rome is Pluto's hand grasping Proserpina's

thigh.

When we weren't in class, we were working on our homework, hanging out with our friends, or taking part in the nightly activities the interns organized. Whether it was a walk along the Tiber or a shopping trip in the Piazza Navona, there was always something to keep us busy.



Some notable night activities were seeing "Aida" performed at the Baths of Caracalla, an Erykah Badu concert, and going to tango and jazz concerts.



Bernini's "Rape of Proserpina" inspires awe in all who behold the detail of the sculpted marble.

On the weekends we took trips to Sorrento and Florence, with stops in Naples, Pompeii, and Siena. I particularly enjoyed the Uffizi in Florence, especially since the museum was featuring an exhibit on Caravaggio, whose work I had recently fallen in love with.

My time in Rome was truly the best three weeks I've ever had, and I want to thank Mr. Gioia, Dr. Seay, Dr. Gaffney, Mr. Gaither, and, most of all, the Wilson family for giving me the opportunity to have this wonderful experience.

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# Ms. Susan says trayless is way to go

By Rett Hooper  
Staff Writer

Immediately after the floods that devastated much of Nashville last year, the city required that institutions and citizens reduce their water consumption temporarily.

During this time, according to Ms. Susan Squires, second-in-command of the food services staff which oversees MBA's cafeteria, the school experimented with the idea of not using trays at lunch.

This change greatly reduced the amount of water needed to clean dishes, a result that intrigued the food services staff. They discovered that other high schools and colleges have already made the permanent switch to using no trays, and these schools have not only successfully conserved much water but also substantially decreased food waste.

The University of Connecticut conducted a study on the effects of not having trays at lunch. From the study, members of the university concluded that removal of trays actually reduces food waste by 30 to 50 percent per day.

Without trays, carrying food to the table becomes much more difficult. People start to save space on their plates, and they begin to take less food altogether, and less uneaten food is left on their plates after lunch. Abolishing the use of trays in MBA's cafeteria would encourage people to use



Although it means a little extra work for you, Cooder, losing the trays makes sense. Maybe we can negotiate - we lose the trays but can get two entrees at once. Photo by Parrish Preston.

fewer dishes and to take less food during each visit to the cafeteria line.

Researchers at UConn also determined that, without trays, the university saves about 2 gallons of water for every 10 meals served. In the cleanup process at MBA's daily lunch, the food staff uses a significant amount of water cleaning each individual tray and plate. Without trays, the food staff does not need to use as much

water to clean the dishes and can help the school become more environmentally responsible.

The removal of trays at lunch may seem inconvenient to the students and teachers, but a permanent switch to having no trays at lunch would be very beneficial both to the school's finances and to the environment.

## BOYS

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crimes are committed by men, but ninety-five percent of males don't ever commit violent crimes," Thompson revealed.

Consequently, one might sense danger in providing guys so many outlets for violence in the form of video games and action-packed feature films or television shows. However, Dr. Thompson gave some astounding statistics that suggest exactly the opposite.

The explosion of gaming in the past two decades has coincided with an unexplained drop in violent crime that no criminologists ever predicted. Furthermore, the states that got cable television and internet first experienced significant decreases in rape rates.

With the myriad factors that determine crime rates and motives, the linking of these two statistics is purely speculative. Yet it demands consideration. Could it be that horrible images on the internet are actually keeping would-be child rapists in front of their computer screens? Are violent video games providing teens with an outlet for impulses that might otherwise become murderous?

For students at Montgomery Bell Academy, this situation is probably not so extreme. Still, to all you hardcore gamers, play on. Perhaps you really are saving the world by earning that Prestige ranking or beating Halo on Legendary Mode.

To lighten the mood, I asked Dr. Thompson his opinion of Oprah. He has been featured on her show in the past.

"She's phenomenal!" he exclaimed. "A great, intuitive psychologist! She never calls me anymore though," he laughed.

At the end of a conversation fairly saturated with male and female distinction, Dr. Thompson wanted to make one thing very clear: "We are all much more human than we are gendered."

How true a statement, though perhaps we men may be a bit more likely to grow a mustache or let our leg hair flourish unchecked...at least I hope so.

# Dr. Gaffney is soul of MBA website

By Alex Hagar  
Staff Writer

Since the inception of the MBA website in 1995, Dr. Gaffney has been the website content editor. This original website was lost, and Dr. Gaffney developed the new website, along with Jason Hiatt, a former head of MBA's IT department, and MBA parent Rex Hammock.

Rex Hammock owned an online publishing company, whose website department was loaned to MBA in order to begin the process of making a new website. From there, Dr. Gaffney and Jason Hiatt used HTML formatting for the rest of the website.

Dr. Gaffney learned these skills on his own, starting in 1983 when he was director of the Junior School. He bought the first computer on campus for schedule making and ordered computers for the first faculty laptop program. Gaffney, along with Hiatt, trained other teachers and worked on classroom integration for teachers.

Recently, the addition of Whipple-Hill, outside software created by Whipple-Hill Communications, has allowed for grading and class info to be placed offsite

by means of "cloud processing". With the proper passwords, anyone may access the information from anywhere on the internet.


As for the various news items seen on the site, Chris Smith, Mike Martin, and Dr. Gaffney are in charge of posting news on the website. If you have a news story that you want to have posted on the website, contact any of these three gentlemen.

Website pictures are the creation of Mr. Smith, Dr. Gaffney, and MBA alumnus John Schweikert.

This entire website relies on the hard work of the IT department, Chris Smith, Mike Martin, and the computer guru himself, Dr. Gaffney, who spends 10-15 hours a week adding content, updating, and troubleshooting.



MBA spans the globe via the internet thanks to Dr. Gaffney (and Bill Gates...).



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## Try some Indian food

By Partha Reddy  
Staff Indian

With the creation of the Indian Cultural Club this year and interest in all things Indian rising, it's time MBA students are made aware of the great Indian eats in Nashville.

Reviews were conducted on the following five establishments in Nashville: Shalimar, Sitar, Woodlands, Bombay Palace, and Outback Steakhouse. Scoring is based on the level of authenticity, restaurant vibe, taste, and versatility of menu. The highest possible score is five chili peppers out of five.

**Shalimar:** Snuggly located on Hillsboro Road, Shalimar has been around for years. Its Green Hills location has allowed this exquisite establishment to flourish. The Chicken Tikka Masala is a good buy, and it comes in a beautiful copper pot. Reputable Indian Food expert Eddie Seay calls this the "Gem of Green Hills." Four and 1/2 Chilies.

**Sitar:** This highly-regarded restaurant is nestled off West End and has consistently been the most famous of the Indian eateries in town. Sitar blends a cozy atmosphere with a homely punch; an authentic experience at its best. Try the weekend

lunch buffet which features different items each weekend. Sitar earns four Chilies with its reliability and diverse menu.

**Woodlands:** Unfortunately for our MBA carnivores, Woodlands features an entirely vegetarian menu. The main draw here is the southern Indian food that is quite rare at the other restaurants in Nashville. Try the Idlis or Vadaas, excellent breakfast food. I do have some hesitancy about the conditions at the restaurant, however. Three and 1/2 Chilies.

**Bombay Palace:** The "New Kid on the Block" challenges Sitar for the king of West End, and Bombay Palace has done a great job in proving its worth. Attracting a strong crowd from Vanderbilt, Bombay Palace features ethnic foods from Maharashtra. Try the Tandoori Chicken and the succulent Naan bread. Four Chilies out Five for the Palace.

**Outback Steakhouse:** If I could give negative Chilies, this so-called "restaurant" would receive them. Absolutely no spice and a featured item called "the Bloomin Onion" hurts Outback's quest for Chilies. The most appalling factor, however, is that when I asked for a side of Garlic Naan, the waiter laughed at me and asked me what I wanted to drink. This establishment needs help. One reluctant Chili.



Sitar and Bombay Palace both earned 4 chilies, beating Woodlands, but falling short of Eddie Seay's favorite, Shalimar.

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## One-act has a chance

By Thalia Melpomene  
Staff Theater Viewer

On the last day of September, the MBA community got a look at MBA's entry into the one-act play competition. The play is *The Odyssey*, produced and directed by Dr. Seay.

The time limit for a play in the competition is 45 minutes, and this production was right on it.

*The Odyssey* is a romp through the travails of the traveling Odysseus. Most of Odysseus' odyssey is included in the play, and the brilliance of the production lies in the remarkably successful and smooth transitions from scene to scene.

In fact, if this play wins the competition, it will be because of the deft shifts of locale and setting. Watching this play is almost like turning the end of a kaleidoscope and watching the pieces fall perfectly into a new mosaic pattern. Dr. Seay, set designer Gregg Colson, and stage managers Tom Markham and Carter Callaway have orchestrated the complex shifts beautifully.

The actors were brilliant in bringing about the continual changes within the play. Even though the acting itself was just competent, the actors did fulfill the vision and acted out the constant flow of the nar-

rative seamlessly.

Chris Goodrich played the eponymous Odysseus perfectly. He was the only actor to play one role.

The other actors showed their stamina, their concentration, and their flexibility by playing up to five roles each. Aaron Ardisson, Mattison Asher, Andrew Wright, Will Lee, Alex Floyd, Taylor Ely, Carter Callaway, Jess Darnell, Tom Markham, and Parish Preston truly impressed this writer by their energy and focus. The audience could easily recognize that these actors enjoyed what they were doing and wanted to do it right.

One flaw which detracted from Thalia's enjoyment of the presentation was a problem which recurs with shows in Paschall Theater -- inability to understand the dialogue for much of the show. Sometimes the acoustics are deficient, but more often the actors fail to enunciate their lines. Dr. Seay will no doubt work on this problem before the competition later in October.

The show drew a large audience for a Thursday night performance and received a standing ovation. Every member of the audience shared the enthusiasm of the cast and shares, as well, the cast's dream of winning the one-act competition.



# BURGER UP

## Burger Up is what's up

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Then, new ideas began to come to her and her entrepreneurial husband. The ambition of Burger Up is one of the contributing factors of why it is so unique. It is a trendy restaurant, complimented by all wooden tables, seats and even a wooden bar. The story behind this wood is what makes it so interesting. Miranda's naturalist grandfather had saved many old trees that had been cut down, not knowing that in the future they would turn into such a beautiful scene in a restaurant in one of the trendiest areas in Nashville. The wood has been carved and polished to a sheen. The tables, chairs, and bar come from these old trees.

Miranda Pontes continued in the naturalist ways of her grandfather when it came down to choosing the ingredients for the food.

Miranda's son's kindergarten teacher happened to be one of the daughters of a rancher in Franklin, Tennessee. After visiting the Triple L Ranch and see how the animals were treated with care, it was determined that the Triple L Ranch would be Burger Up's exclusive beef supplier. Most of the restaurant's ingredients come from Tennessee, except for a few seasonal items.

So, what do you get when you com-

bine the best ingredients with a chef who is dedicated to home-cooking everything? Incredible Food!

I started first with their Yazoo Beer Battered Cremini Mushrooms. When they came to the table I was shocked at the size of them. Then I tasted them, and I was even more pleased. The mushrooms were also served with a special homemade, as all of their sauces are, buttermilk ranch ketchup that was succulent.

Then, as their restaurant name may suggest, I tried their burgers. Their turkey burger was very good and unique because it came with a cherry sage aioli sauce that gave the burger its own edge. The lamb burger came with Peppermint Dijon and Boursin Cheese that also made it a burger of its own. Last I tried my new favorite burger, the Woodstock, and it is truly a classic. It comes with Benton's Bacon, Tennessee Sweetwater White Cheddar, and a phenomenal Jack Daniels Maple Ketchup. These three ingredients and the Triple L beef burger blend together in perfect harmony.

Burger Up is an instant classic without a doubt. When matchless surroundings coincide with incredible food, a town favorite is formed. I highly approve of Burger Up and suggest it to anyone who is ready to try a new way to dine and ready to try a new standard of excellence.



# Hey, see these movies!

By Walton Macey  
Staff Movie Maven

## Social Network

You may have heard there is a new movie that just came out about Facebook, called *Social Network*. Go see it! It's not going to be the best movie ever, but it will no doubt be recognized and remembered as a movie of this generation.

Facebook is a social networking giant which dominates the internet scene and is worth over \$30 billion. This movie is all about how Facebook got started.

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Basically, some nerdy-looking guy, Mark Zuckerberg, who cannot talk to girls to save his life, ironically develops the social site of the millennium in his dorm room at Harvard. According to the movie, Zuckerberg used an idea developed by a pair of twins attending Harvard with Zuckerberg. As Facebook grows bigger and bigger, Mark forms enemies and ruins friendships, resulting in several multi-million dollar lawsuits.

The movie does an excellent job of pulling the viewer in with frequent flashbacks and intriguing characters. Each actor does a crazy good job of defining his character and deserves a hug or an Oscar, at least. Surprisingly, besides the protagonist, Justin Timberlake demonstrates the most talent as the founder of Napster, Sean Parker. This movie has been received with praise everywhere, and no doubt deserves to be on your "movies I wanna see list."

Some must-see movies based on true stories:

*Enemy at the Gates*- Two Russian snipers' epic fight during WWII.

*Catch Me if You Can*- Leo DiCaprio as a con man vs. Tom Hanks the FBI guy after him.

*Black Hawk Down*- Most intense war movie I have ever seen.

*Pursuit of Happiness*- Will Smith, realistic, really sad.

*Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*- May be the best buddy-cowboy movie.

*Remember the Titans*- You have to see it, THE football movie.

*Aviator*- About the multi-millionaire Howard Hughes who does just about everything.

*American Gangster*- If the title doesn't make you want to see it, Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe star.

*Into the Wild*- About a guy who skips college to go live in the Alaskan Wilderness. It is ridiculously fantastic.

*21*- Pretty cool movie about MIT graduates who use their smarts to win lots of money in casinos.

[There are plenty more incredible movies based on true stories. These are the first ten that came to mind.]

Above left: Zuckerberg's giant is the topic of new movie *The Social Network*

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# Revenge of the hogs

By Connor Caldwell  
Sports Editor

The MBA football team has started off the season in a great way, coming out of week 6 at 6-1 and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State. Although the fan support at our last game was virtually non-existent (except for our lone soldier Douglass "Dino-D" Smith), we managed to pull off an incredible win against BGA, with Philip Spelman knocking through the game-winning field goal with 4 seconds left, despite some questionable officiating.

But enough of the useless banter! This article will focus on the most under-appreciated group on the team—the linemen. Although our weakness was predicted to be our offensive line in the preseason, this group has stepped up to the challenge and proved everyone wrong.

Christopher Sandwith, having started at right guard last year, is our only returning, experienced offensive lineman, and he is leading us well. Joining him is senior Miller Higgins at center. The two of them regularly drive defensive linemen off the ball, like Michael Oher from the *Blind Side*. On more than one occasion (actually in almost every game), I have been told that

the defensive linemen were crying by the end of the game. Yes, crying, as in full-on, belly-heaving sobbing.

The left guard position is now held by junior Harris Elledge, though junior Kevin Murphy started there for the first few games of the season before being moved to full-time defense. The left tackle is junior Jamie Bradshaw (yes, a ginger who is good at football), and the right tackle is junior Blake Bars.

Although our line does not have the size of players like Preston Bailey, we are easily the strongest line that MBA has ever had. After having lifted with Coach Brock for 3 and 4 years, we are one mean but not-so-lean fighting machine. Our running game has quickly become more and more dominant, with Tyler Franks rushing for 237 yards against BGA this past week. I look forward to seeing more dominance out of the offensive line.

Our defensive line has also proven to be possibly the strongest part of our team. Defensive tackle Connor Caldwell and nose tackle Andrei Lucaci can bring down a running back simply by looking at him. Even the "Best Tackle in the State" couldn't get any movement on our line.



Lineman Miller Higgins executes a backflip....just kidding. Although they are athletic, I'm not sure if any linemen could out-do senior Cedric Smith (or that cheerleader) in a back-hand-spring competition. Photo courtesy of Mr. Tillman.

Junior John Mitchell, who has missed the past few weeks due to a severe case of mono, started the season as the other tackle. We all hope the doctor will clear him soon so that he can return to the fray. Until then, freshman (yes, freshman) Jashon Robertson has been tearing up the offenses with us. Junior Kevin Murphy lines down with us on occasion as a defensive end. As a unit, we have regularly held teams to 100 yards rushing, an amazing feat in such a run-dependent league.

Although I may be in trouble for exposing our secret, the reason for our success comes down to a single thing: a sandwich from McDonalds that, due to censoring issues, will be called the Mc\*\*\*\*Bang. To create said god-wich, one must order a McDouble and a McChicken. Then, after peeling the two patties apart, one places the entire McChicken (with the buns) in between the patties. And, there you have it. Our secret lies in a single 1000 calorie Mc\*\*\*\*Bang! ROLL RED!

## Is there a rivalry? Bryan discusses MBA v EHS

By Bryan Oslin  
Staff Features Writer

Do you consider Ensworth a major rival? Are you concerned about beating them academically? Probably not! Most students don't even consider there to be a rivalry embedded in academics; however, Montgomery Bell Academy as a community tends to compare itself most often with Ensworth in athletics.

When Ensworth High School opened in August of 2004, no one, including me, even gave a thought about them, for their football, cross-country, track, wrestling, and tennis teams had almost no success. MBA overwhelmed them in every sport, and MBA really had only one huge rival, Brentwood Academy.

So, how did the emphasis on Brentwood Academy switch toward Ensworth? Well, in 2008, EHS handily defeated a strong MBA squad 41 to 28 on their football turf. This loss was both humiliating, for they were a brand-new team, and painful, because there was not only the loss to friends but also the gloating we endured for an entire year.

Contributing to the pain were the back-to-back losses against the Tigers in basketball. After 2008, MBA students as a whole seemed to develop negative feelings and annoyance about Ensworth, for revenge was in our blood. From then on, this competitive spirit snowballed into most, if not all, sports in which we played them.

Football and basketball are the two sports where it seemed as though no matter how hard we tried, it just wasn't enough. That disappointment was finally turned around during last year's fall and winter seasons. After Ensworth applied two consecutive routs to the Big Red over a span of two years, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010, our luck and skill got the better of the talented and undefeated Tiger team. They underrated

us and scoffed after major injuries to Colbert and Griscom — bad idea!

We as a family stuck together and, although undermanned, showed our substance, determination, and unwillingness to give up in our exhilarating come-from-behind victory, where most of MBA trampled Ensworth hearts and their Tiger. Their students felt the same dejected emotions which we had suffered for over a year, and their egos were soiled to where any mention of their hurtful loss bruised them.

Starting in the winter of 2009, *The Nashville Scene* got involved in one of the MBA vs. EHS basketball games, sparking confusion and agitation not only in current students and faculty, but also in alumni and parents of current or graduate students. Ensworth parents were trying to inhibit an admittedly rude chant, which has been used generation after generation toward other schools and is not used to single out a specific athlete. This incident aroused many Nashville citizens, even some not involved with MBA, and intensified the newly formed rivalry.

Well, the following year, The Tiger basketball team handled MBA in two consecutive, over-packed games separated by four days. Going into the playoffs as defending champions and as region leader with the best record, Ensworth excelled, that is, until their biggest challenge, the Big Red, appeared in their way in the quarterfinals of the state tournament.

After cruising to about a 19-point lead at halftime, deep down they believed they had the game in the bag; even Ensworth students disregarded us as a legitimate contender. We had faith though, for no one left the game until the fat-lady sang, which proved to be a good choice! Ensworth once again underestimated our capacity, therefore relaxing their intensity to the point where many Tigers were fouling out while MBA was on a huge rally, backed by our

relentless student-section. We won! They Lost! Obviously, they were devastated and heartbroken while we chanted, "Just like football!" endlessly until they quickly tried to leave the Lipscomb arena. Montgomery Bell Academy always pulls out a victory when it really matters: the playoffs!

In other sports, MBA teams had tight control over Ensworth. Last year, we completely destroyed them in wrestling 63-15; tennis handily won 7-0 and gained the state trophy; track defeated them in every meet except when injuries inhibited our "tentative allegation of bodies". Cross-country faced a difficult task against a tough long-distance core, but really quieted any chance of competition at state when our top four best runners got 3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th to allow us to raise the state trophy and to create chaos in the crowd by our decked-out supporters chanting "I believe that we just won!" incessantly until our voices tired out. Baseball had some difficulties, but this year we are bound to have success with more experienced pitching and rising stars. Our Lax bros had no problem with Ensworth's lacrosse team, beating them 14 to 6.

No matter how intense a rivalry seems to be, some within the MBA community disregard it, believing that it's only just high school sports, while others go insane. Each shows respect to his opponents and support their Red, just with a different approach.

Coaches of their respective teams for the Big Red devote their time and efforts to improve their athletes and to receive a "W" in their win column.

According to Mr. Gaither's stoic belief: "It's not so much to win as it is about avoiding the loss, for defeat hurts more than a victory elates."

Very true, for a win brings happiness for weeks, but a loss lingers and vexes until the next meeting. Eric Owing expresses a unique and mature approach to this rivalry,

for he believes that "It (the rivalry) is good for both private schools and gives each team a certain game to circle on their schedule to look forward to." He "feels as though he's friends with a bunch of Ensworth guys," so he should respect Ensworth as a school, also.

Others such as Alex Haggart think that it is just sports and a silly rivalry based on nothing. One should enjoy the competitive atmosphere without being completely emotionally invested.

However, Baker "Choo Choo Train" Swain, is emotionally attached in this rivalry, for "it's an extra incentive to win, and bragging rights are the extra reward for winning."

I personally am caught up in the whole competition versus Ensworth. However, knowing the difference between disliking the sports programs for their success and disliking the school and its students as a whole are two immensely distinctive notions. I have competitive spirit until the competition is over, then I can chill with some of my Ensworth friends. Be smart and know when not to cross the line towards disrespect!

However, I have witnessed that Ensworth has copied our ingenuity. Weeks ago at the MBA vs. EHS football game, their students appeared with very similar vuvuzelas, though different in color, that we had brought to Nashville last year. I guess that they want what we have: another reason for intensity between rival schools!

What will this year hold? I'm excited to compete and support MBA in the quest against our foe! Ensworth is already frustrated half way through the fall season, but that is not necessarily a prelude to the winter and spring seasons. We thrive off this rivalry. Practice with effort! Be thorough in your preparations for the Tigers or any team, for that matter! Compete for your family of brothers and for yourselves! Roll Red



## Cross Country stays hot pursuing elite aspirations

By Nick Kohler and Stephen Bedard  
Staff Sports Writer and Roll Red-er

Expectations were high for the MBA cross-country team coming into the 2010 season, with the team returning 11 of their top 12 runners, including 4 of the top 5 in the state.

The team has continued its hot in-state streak and has not lost to an in-state competitor since the 2008 state championship.

After an easy victory at the season-opening Drake Invitational, the Big Red varsity traveled to Louisville, Kentucky to compete in the Trinity Invitational, while the JV team stayed in Nashville to compete in the Silver Varsity division of the Tennessee Classic.

Michael Peters ran a blazing PR of 15:30, (5 minute mile pace), giving him the 5<sup>th</sup> place spot in a field of 430+ runners and leading the team to a 4<sup>th</sup>-place finish in a field of 51, even though some of our top runners were hampered by injury.

Back in Nashville, the JV competed well with the varsity teams, finishing 9<sup>th</sup> out of 30, beating Ravenwood's and FRA's varsities, whose coaches now must run the Boulevard Bolt in kilts according to R.K. Pruitt. Some district meets followed.

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, the top 14 runners traveled to Cary, North Carolina to compete in the Great American Cross Country Festival, widely regarded as one of the most competitive cross-country events in

the country. There were 12 ranked teams, including 7 of the top 10 in the southeast. The varsity, consisting of Michael Peters, Daniel Peters, Ryan Hill, Andrew Powell, Stephen Bedard, Alex Smith, and Myles Anderson, ran fast. With an average time of 16:06, the Big Red hammed their way into 4<sup>th</sup> place, defeating defending champions and 19<sup>th</sup>-ranked nationally Brookwood and avenging their 1-point loss to Saint Xavier at Trinity.

The JV, consisting of Mr. Eric Anderson, Hayes McCord, David Arteaga, Madison Rieke, Noah Fardon, Nick Kohler, and Jack "Eric Foreman" Halleman, and Daniel Mace imitated the varsity and finished 4<sup>th</sup> in a field of 25+ teams. Six of the seven varsity runners ran under 17:00 and six of the seven JV runners ran under 18:10. The team was also able to fulfill a longtime goal, acquiring 2 National Scholastic Banners through a polite meet staffer. We would

love to present these to Mr. Gioia and the school. Michael Peters said of the acquisition: "I didn't run my best race today, but it is nice to come home with a moral victory." When asked about the banner, Mr. Russ said: "It's a good day to run." R.K. Pruitt told a joke about bananas and monkey spit and something else we didn't quite catch, as he was too busy getting lost in his black Tahoe.

The team is looking forward to "pretty much dominating" the state meet in November and hopefully competing in Nike XC SE Regionals as well. It's always a good day to run.



The Big Red was out in force for the '09 State Meet. On November 6th, even more fans will show up to see the XC team repeat.

## MBA lineman looks to continue football career

By George Swenson  
Staff Sports Writer

As the 2010 MBA Football season progresses, I sat down with senior lineman Andrei Lucaci to ask him about football and his college prospects.

**Bell Ringer:** When did you first realize that you wanted to play football in college?

**Andrei:** I realized that I had the opportunity to play when I was a sophomore. At first, I wanted to play both football and baseball in college but then realized that football was my true calling.

**B.R.:** When were you first contacted by a college and which college was it?

**A.L.:** I was first contacted after my junior year by a phone call from UT-Martin. The coaches called and just wanted to know how I was doing and wanted to get to know me better.

**B.R.:** What did you do this summer to prepare for the recruiting process?

**A.L.:** I attended numerous camps, which included MTSU, Ole Miss, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, and Miami (Fl). These schools invite the players in whom they are interested. While at the camps, I took many tests like the 40- yard dash and the shuttle

run. Colleges will use these tests to assess my skill level and potential.

**B.R.:** If you had to rank the schools the schools in order from highest to lowest interest, what would your order be?

**A.L.:** My order would be Miami (Fl) first, without a doubt, followed by Arkansas, Vanderbilt, and Tennessee.

**B.R.:** Which coaches have had the biggest impact on you while at MBA?

**A.L.:** Coach Brown has had a great impact on me while at MBA. In addition to being my defensive line coach, he has always taken an interest in me. Former MBA teacher Coach Counce has also impacted me greatly, not only through his energy in the

weight room, but also the way he carries himself as a person.

**B.R.:** What is one aspect of the recruiting process that you would like everyone to know about?

**A.L.:** I realized not long into the process that it is a game. Players have to show the coaches what the coaches want to see. A player needs to show the coaches energy, enthusiasm, and hard work, but if the grades are not present, very few colleges will show interest.

Although Andrei has yet to receive an offer, he feels that because of some schools' high interest an offer is on the horizon.

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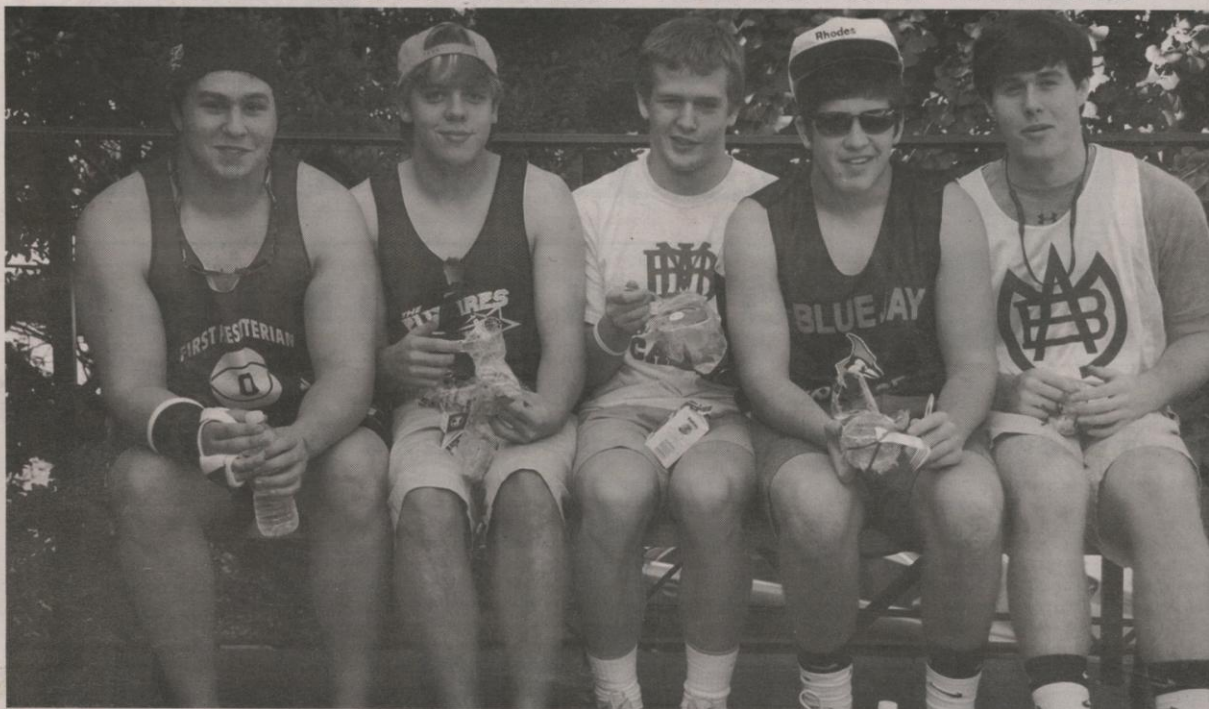
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# Ars Bromatoria: Bros on a Hill



Just some junior bros enjoying some tasty bakesale goodies. It's chill. Lax Bro/Churchball day during Spirit Week X was a big hit - never before has the Hill (or anywhere else in the world, for that matter) seen such a conglomeration of swag and flow at one place and time. Bro-tos all courtesy of Mr. Jamie Tillman via shutterfly.com

By Scott Dalton  
Staff Broporter/Red Bull

Bros, in the last two years or so, the world (MBA in particular) has seen a 90% increase and significant surge in the widely popular "bro fever." Apparently the only prescription for the fever is more lax and more bro. However, there have been many posers which expose the lack of the bro, so I am here to step down off of Mount Brolympus and put these posers to rest.

I will help you (yes, you) recognize, be, and act more bro than you could ever imagine. If you are not able to read the following bronacular, then you should probably just put down this paper immediately and go get a buzz cut. Let's start with the basics.

Broliferation is a common theme among new "wanna be" bros. It is very common for no-bros to make up words that are

so not bro. If a male you know says any of the following words, RUN: Lindsay Brohan, Broan of Ark, Brothello, Vincent Van Bro, Russell Browe, or Miley Cyrus.

In corollary, if a bro ever asks to enter into a "bromance" with you, walk away - bros never call their friendships "bromances."

Make sure you know who your real bros are. Your mailman isn't your bro just because he delivers you letters from the government and your grandma. Yes, your father was once a bro, but it is usually best to not let that cross your mind. Sometimes even your brother isn't even your bro, especially if he commits bro-sassination, such as in the case of Cain and Abel.

To test the reliability of your bros, ask to borrow a pair of underwear. If he says yes, you are not bros. If he playfully punches or even knocks you out cold, you have a potential bro.

If you are too shy to talk to a person, which is not bro at all, listening to conversations may help you improve your brocial skills. Try the use of these following words or phrases when casually saying "hey....": Brony Hawk, Bro Montana, Bro Namath, Nabrolean Brynamite, Brodyseus, Broseph Stalin, Brosemit Sam, Broba Fett, Super Mari-bro, Edgar Allen Bro, Broseidon, and, of course, Broda. While these nicknames will not guarantee your status as a bro, it's a start. Everyone knows that a solid brocadulary will get you far. For those of you in chemistry, try putting "Bromine" for your answer to all of the problems, you are guaranteed to get at least a 45%.

Now that we have a basic, fundamental Brocadulary, we can move on to rules and regulations. First and foremost, it is ESSENTIAL to have a wingman. A bro without a wingman is like Twinkies without pizz - you can have it, but is it really even that good? A good wingman is like a pair of croakies...super bro.

After you have established a good and reliable wingman, it is time to refine your life in general. If you have any of the following, donate it to Goodwill immediately: a hand written letter from another male (excludes autographs from athletes and country music stars), a dry-erase board, an ipod that is any of the primary colors, any t-shirts that feature a boy band, a Prius or Smart car, your



Don't let these bros fool you, there is a heated rivalry between St. G's and Cov Pres. When not lax-ing, churchball is a favorite pastime of Nashville Bros.

Christmas card list, *The Devil Wears Prada*, jeans, season tickets to TPAC, your toilet seat, directions to any given destination, sock-sandal combinations, a home phone, or dogs shorter than waist-height.

Once you have de-cluttered your life, you are on your way to being a bro. Things you should have that are absolutely essential to be a bro are as follows: pastels, American flags, jorts, a rank past "space cadet" in laser tag, a grill, bean bag chairs, a stick shift car, multiple lax sticks, hunting gear, a signed football by a Heisman trophy winner, or a national title in any sport. With one, most, or all of these items, you are well on your way to being a bro.

If you follow these simple instructions, you may become a total bro, or not, but it is up to you. Remember: heroes get remembered, but legends never die (excluding Zelda).

Senior Hayes McCord chills with MBA Athletic Director Scott Bro'Neal.

